AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JULY 12, 2005 AMENDED IN SENATE MAY 2, 2005

SENATE BILL

No. 105

Introduced by Senator Speier (Principal coauthor: Senator Soto)

(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Torrico)

January 20, 2005

An act to amend Sections 21175 and 21192 of the Government Code, relating to public employees' retirement.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 105, as amended, Speier. Disability—requirement retirement: medical examinations.

(1) Under the Public Employees' Retirement System, if a recipient of a disability retirement allowance who is under the minimum age for voluntary retirement for service applicable to members of his or her class refuses to submit to a medical examination, the pension portions of his or her allowance may be discontinued until his or her withdrawal of the refusal, or cancelled if the refusal continues for one year.

This bill would provide that if a recipient of a disability retirement allowance who is over the minimum age for voluntary retirement for service applicable to members of his or her class, and who has been receiving a retirement allowance for less than 36 months, refuses to submit to a medical examination, the pension portions of his or her allowance may be discontinued until the withdrawal of the refusal.

(2) The Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System, or in the case of a local safety member, the governing body of the employer from whose employment the person was retired, as specified, may require any recipient of a disability

SB 105 -2-

retirement allowance under the minimum age for voluntary retirement for service applicable to members of his or her class to undergo medical examination, as specified.

This bill would provide that a recipient of a disability retirement who is over the minimum age for voluntary retirement for service applicable to members of his or her class, and has been receiving a retirement allowance for less than 36 months, may be subject to that requirement.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 21175 of the Government Code is 2 amended to read:

21175. If any recipient of a disability retirement allowance under the minimum age for voluntary retirement for service applicable to members of his or her class refuses to submit to medical examination, the pension portions of his or her allowance may be discontinued until his or her withdrawal of the refusal. If any recipient of a disability retirement allowance who is over the minimum age for voluntary retirement for service applicable to members of his or her class, and who has been receiving a disability retirement allowance for less than 36 months, refuses to submit to a medical examination, the pension portions of his or her allowance may be discontinued until his or her withdrawal of the refusal. If the refusal continues for one year, the disability retirement allowance may be canceled.

SEC. 2. Section 21192 of the Government Code is amended to read:

21192. The board, or in case of a local safety member, other than a school safety member, the governing body of the employer from whose employment the person was retired, may require any recipient of a disability retirement allowance who is under the minimum age for voluntary retirement for service applicable to members of his or her class or who is over the minimum age for voluntary retirement for service applicable to members of his or her class and has been receiving a retirement allowance for less than 36 months to undergo medical examination, and upon his or her application for reinstatement, shall cause a medical

-3- SB 105

examination to be made of the recipient who is at least six 1 2 months less than the age of compulsory retirement for service 3 applicable to members of the class or category in which it is 4 proposed to employ him or her. The board or governing body 5 shall not require the recipient who is over the minimum age for voluntary retirement for service applicable to members of his or her class to undergo more than two medical examinations in that 8 36-month period. The board, or in case of a local safety member, other than a school safety member, the governing body of the 10 employer from whose employment the person was retired, shall 11 also cause the examination to be made upon application for 12 reinstatement to the position held at retirement or any position in 13 the same class, of a person who was incapacitated for performance of duty in the position at the time of a prior 14 15 reinstatement to another position. The examination shall be made by a physician or surgeon, appointed by the board or the 16 17 governing body of the employer, at the place of residence of the 18 recipient or other place mutually agreed upon. Upon the basis of 19 the examination, the board or the governing body shall determine 20 whether he or she is still incapacitated, physically or mentally, 21 for duty in the state agency, the university, or contracting agency, 22 where he or she was employed and in the position held by him or 23 her when retired for disability, or in a position in the same 24 classification, and for the duties of the position with regard to 25 which he or she has applied for reinstatement from retirement.